

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 476

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to recognize Roger Horner on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Roger Horner is one such estimable individual, who has served with distinction for sixteen years as the City Attorney for the City of Brentwood, from which position he will be taking a much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, a native of Columbia, Mr. Horner served as a financial analyst for the Tennessee Public Service Commission for five years before joining the City of Brentwood in 1985 as the Finance Director/City Recorder; he served as the Assistant City Attorney from 1991 until 2001 and has held his current position as City Attorney since 2001; and

WHEREAS, as the City Attorney for the City of Brentwood, Roger Horner has served as the legal advisor to the city manager, the governing body, and all city boards and departments. His responsibilities have included contract preparations and negotiations, real estate transactions, employment law administration, risk management activities, and prosecution of municipal court cases as well as tracking, researching, and interpreting state and federal legislation that affects Brentwood; and

WHEREAS, highly skilled in matters of law, Mr. Horner guided Brentwood to successful outcomes in two matters before the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals; he is also the author and editor of more than 500 city ordinances; and

WHEREAS, a double scholarship recipient, Roger Horner obtained his Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Accounting with a Minor in Music from Middle Tennessee

State University; he received his Doctor of Jurisprudence from the Nashville School of Law and was selected as a Fellow of the Tennessee Bar Foundation; and

WHEREAS, ever committed to his community, Mr. Horner has served on the board of directors of the International Municipal Lawyers Association and Youth Leadership Brentwood. He is a past president of the Tennessee Municipal Lawyers Association and a past chair of Leadership Brentwood; in addition, he has served as a presenter and author on numerous topics, including sign regulations, zoning, religious land use, and First Amendment issues; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Horner is an active and devout member of Brentwood United Methodist Church, where he has served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, he is perhaps most grateful for the love and support he shares with his wife, Dr. Cheryl Hamilton Horner, and his children, Caroline and Sam; and

WHEREAS, Roger Horner exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Horner has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the sincere respect and admiration of his fellow public servants and the citizens of the City of Brentwood; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Roger Horner our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.